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In re Application of: **Shinzo YASUDA et al.** )  
Application No.: **Not Yet Assigned** ) Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Assigned**  
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For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING 1,3-  
PROPANEDIOL AND/OR 3-HYDROXYPROPIONIC  
ACID** )

National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/005480 under 35 U.S.C. 371

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this amendment.